

MEETING MINUTES

Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Monday, September 17, 2018

In Attendance for SWCC: Mr. Ray Adams, SWCC Chair; Mr. Scotty Parsons; Mr. Danny Shipley; Mr. Sam Hughes; Mr. Don Minton; Mr. Jeff Rice; and Ms. Denise Hoffman.

Others Present: Ms. Paulette Akers, Division of Conservation, Director; Ms. Johnna McHugh, Division of Conservation, Assistant Director; Ms. Kayleigh Evans, Kentucky Association of Conservation District Employees, President; Ms. Brunilda Velez, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Ms. Crystal Renfro, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts, Executive Director; Mr. Steve Coleman, Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts; Mr. James Roe, Division of Conservation; Mr. Jay Nelson, Division of Conservation; Dr. Steve Higgins, University of Kentucky, CAFE; Mr. Peter Goodmann, Division of Water, Director; Mr. Larry Thomas, KY AWQA, President; Mr. George L Seay Jr., Kentucky Department for Natural Resources, Deputy Commissioner; and Mr. Jeff Gravitt, Division of Conservation.

Quorum was met.

Meeting Called to Order – 9:00 AM by Mr. Ray Adams, Chairman.

Swearing in Member - Mr. Ray Adams turned the floor over to Ms. Johnna McHugh for the swearing in process of Mr. Danny Shipley. Ms. Johnna McHugh spoke the oath of office and Mr. Danny Shipley accepted.

SWCC Minutes from the May 21, 2018 Meeting - Motion to approve minutes with corrections was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

Equipment Report - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the report with copies distributed.

- **Statement of Operations** –Ms. Johnna McHugh gave an overview of the year to date equipment fund report. Mr. Scotty Parsons made the motion to approve this report. Ms. Danny Shipley seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Equipment Loan Requests** -
 1. The Garrard County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new Haybuster Drill. Cost of equipment would be \$24,850.00. No trade-in. The district will be placing 1/3 down in cash at \$8,284.00. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$16,566.00. The length of loan is for 3 years. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**
 2. The Muhlenberg County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new Case IH 2016 1265 36 Row 20 inch Conservation No Till Bulk Fill Planter. Cost of equipment would be \$149,500.00. A trade-in allowance of \$55,000.00 (Kinze 2012 Row Bulk Fill). The district is requesting a loan amount of \$94,500.00. The length of loan will be 7 years. *(The repayment of the loan amount must be paid monthly and not yearly. The approval of this loan is dependent upon this.)* Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
 3. The Washington County Conservation District is requesting a loan for a new 2018 Cat D5K2 XL Dozer. Cost of equipment would be \$184,377.00. No trade-in. The district will be placing 1/3 down in cash at \$61,459.00. The district is requesting a loan amount of \$122,918.00. Length of loan is for 7 years. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion carried.**
- **Approval of Infrastructure Loan Request.** No approvals were requested.

Vacancy Petitions for Conservation District Supervisor's Appointments - Ms. Johnna McHugh presented the requests.

- Mason County – Brandon Moran to serve the unexpired of William Boulden Jr. (2020)
- Scott County – David McDowell to serve the unexpired term of James Richardson (2020).

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried.**

Incentive Per Diem –

- **Bell County**
 - Chuck Blank – Area 7 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
 - John Brock – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
 - Robert Mason – Area 7 meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
 - David Thompson – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
- **Campbell County**
 - Rick Simon – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 5 meeting, KACD convention
 - Pete Garrett – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 5 meeting
 - Linda Bray-Schafer – 11 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, OKIRCC annual meeting
 - Ron McCormick – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 5 meeting, KACD convention, OKIRCC annual meeting
 - Ken McCormick – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 5 meeting, KACD convention, OKIRCC annual meeting
 - Don Girton – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 5 meeting, OKIRCC annual meeting
- **Carroll County**
 - David Rowlett – KACD convention, Area 5 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Billie Hotfil – Area 5 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Mike Kelley – Area 5 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Bobbie Gibson – Area 5 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Harlan County**
 - David W. Howard – Area 9 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Will L. Clem – Area 9 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Robert Jones – Area 9 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Susie Mavinidis – Area 9 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Lonnie Saylor – Area 9 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
 - Murphy Green – Area 9 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Jackson County**
 - Howard M. Williams – Area 7 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
 - Jimmy K. Wells – Area 7 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
 - Eddie J. Madden – Area 7 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
 - Tony Boggs – Area 7 meeting, 11 ten minute trainings
- **Leslie County**
 - Frank W. Baker – 12 ten minute trainings *
 - Mary Caudill – 12 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, Area 9 meeting
 - Ronnie Gay – 12 ten minute trainings, Area 9 meeting
 - Jackie Howard – 11 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, Area 9 meeting
 - Angela Muncy – 11 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, Area 9 meeting
 - Tommy Roberts – 10 ten minute trainings, KACD convention, Area 9 meeting
- **Marshall County**
 - Brandon Mohler – KACD convention, 11 ten minute trainings
 - Jeff Futrell – Area meeting, KACD convention, 12 ten minute trainings
 - Kyle O'Dell – Area meeting, 11 ten minute trainings

- **Mason County**
 - Anthony Wenz, Jr. – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
 - Janice Barnett – Gifford – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
 - Eric Cooper – Area 5 meeting, 12 ten minute trainings
- **McCracken County**
 - Erick Harris – Area 1 meeting, 8 ten minute trainings
- **Menifee County**
 - Penni Combs – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting, KACD convention
 - Barbara James – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
 - Kevan Lane – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
 - Kenneth Pugh – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting, KACD convention
 - Charlene Smallwood – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
 - Dillard Smallwood – 10 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
 - Hattie Williams – 11 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
- **Morgan County**
 - Kenneth Scarberry – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 8 meeting
- **Ohio County**
 - Darren Luttrell – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 2 meeting
 - Cletus Greer – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 2 meeting
 - Walter Porter – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 2 meeting
 - Garry Igleheart – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 2 meeting
 - Jason Anderson – 8 ten minute trainings, Area 2 meeting
- **Taylor County**
 - Sophia Adams – KACD convention, Area meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
 - David Cowherd – Area meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
 - Debbie Gabbert – KACD convention, Area meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
 - Marion Howard – Area meeting, 9 ten minute trainings
 - Barry Smith – KACD convention, 9 ten minute trainings

Motion to approve qualifying supervisors was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. (Supervisors not qualifying are indicated with an asterisk) **Motion carried**

Agriculture District Program - Ms. McHugh presented the report with copies distributed. Five (5) new petitions were presented to the Commission for consideration for a total of 2,529.44 acres.

1. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-13(A5) – 18.20 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion carried.**
2. Campbell County (Petition No. 019-11(A10) – 137.37 acres. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**
3. Muhlenberg County (Petition No. 089-01) – 415.95 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion carried.**

4. Muhlenberg County (Petition No. 089-02) – 1,453.56 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried**
5. Muhlenberg County (Petition No. 089-03) – 504.36 acres. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion carried.**

Five (5) new agricultural districts have been submitted to the commission for five-year recertification for a total of 4,552.75 acres.

| COUNTY | PETITION NO. | ACRES |
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| Hart | 050-02 | 295.79 |
| Mason | 081-05 | 2,338.26 |
| Mercer | 084-05 | 490.40 |
| Robertson | 101-04 | 724.50 |
| Russell | 104-04 | 703.80 |

Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion carried.**

Division of Conservation Report – Ms. Paulette discussed the following possible changes to the Soil and Water Conservation statutes. Ms. Paulette Akers discussed the following items:

- Raise the State Cost Share administrative fee for the Division of Conservation from 5% to 10%. *No motion was made by any board member.*
- Change SWCC meeting from every 60 days to every 90 days (Quarterly). *No motion was made by any board member.*
- Repeal KRS 262-096 list of what to include on the SWCC budget. The Commission doesn't have a budget. *No motion was made by any board member.*
- Change the name of Soil Conservation Service to Natural Resources Conservation Service in both KRS 224.71-100 and KRS 224-71-110 regulations. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion Carried.**

New Business – Mr. Ray Adams and Paulette Akers discussed the following with the board:

- Nelson County -
 - Mr. Thomas Hart requested a waiver to get a State Cost Share extension approved for Mr. Jim Pat Rogers. Mr. Don Minton made a motion to approve the distribution of 7,500.00 and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion Carried.**
- Trigg County -
 - Mr. James Adams Jr. asked the board to approve funding for 7,500.00 in cost share funding without the 25% cost share split. Approval was granted with the 25% match. Ms. Denise Hoffman made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion Carried.**
- Direct Aid disbursement – Ms. Johnna McHugh discussed the following district DIGS appeals for approval.
 - Anderson County's appeal was to be moved from 90% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Ms. Denis Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**
 - Boone County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion Carried.**
 - Hart County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion Carried.**
 - Henry County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion Carried.**
 - Johnson County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion Carried.**
 - Laurel County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was not shown.
 - Owsley County's appeal was to be moved from 90% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Don Minton and was seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion Carried.**
 - Monroe County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 90%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Jeff Rice. **Motion Carried.**
 - Powell County's appeal was to be moved from 90% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Sam Hughes. **Motion Carried.**
 - Scott County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was not shown.

- Simpson County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Scotty Parsons and was seconded by Mr. Danny Shipley. **Motion Carried.**
- Spencer County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Ms. Denise Hoffman and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion Carried.**
- Taylor County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was not shown.
- Woodford County's appeal was to be moved from 75% to 100%. Proof was shown. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sam Hughes and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion Carried.**

An 790,750.00 was approved for Direct Aid payments. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Danny Shipley and was seconded by Ms. Denise Hoffman. **Motion Carried.**

- State Cost Share obligation – Ms. Paulette discussed changes with State Cost Share Section III. Briefing sheet was handed out. Motion to approve the changes was made by Mr. Jeff Rice and was seconded by Mr. Don Minton. **Motion Carried.**
- Agriculture Water Quality Authority presentation – Mr. Larry Thomas gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed how he see that SWCC and AWQA can work together in the future and what the AWQA is working toward in the future. Mr. Larry Thomas invited all members of the Commission to attend the upcoming AWQA meeting.

Agency Reports

- **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Ms. Brunilda Velez discussed the following with the board:
 - Ms. Karen Woodrich has transferred to the Kansas branch of the NRCS and Ms. Brunilda Velez will be filling in temporary.
 - Currently working with field reps and continues to learn as she goes.
 - NRCS is currently doing interviews to back fill employment vacancies.
 - 90% of NRCS funds have been obligated for disbursement.
- **Farm Service Agency** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department for Natural Resources** – Not attended.
- **Kentucky Department of Agriculture** – Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky, CAFE** – Mr. Steve Higgins discussed the Eden Shale Farm addition of 2 new roll bail cubbies and fence line feeders and working toward adding each practice to the SCS program. Eden Shale will be having an open house on October 13th.
- **Division of Forestry**- Not attended.
- **University of Kentucky** – Not attended

- **KACD** – Ms. Crystal Renfro informed the board of the following:
 - Discussed upcoming KACD newsletter.
 - Updating KACD's Facebook page.
 - New website coming soon.
- **KACDE** – Ms. Kayleigh Evans updated the board about these items:
 - KACDE is currently looking for new ideas for the upcoming year.
 - Tabloid's out for distribution numbers are 3,000 higher than last year's numbers.

Next Board Meeting – November 19th, 2018 at 9:00am at the 300 Sower Building, Frankfort KY

Adjourned - Mr. Danny Shipley made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Scotty Parsons. **Motion carried**